(c) what is the latest number of closed textile mills including those of Gujarat?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) According to the latest estimate of the Planning Commission in March, 1985, the number of unemployed persons including educated unemployed was 9.2 million as of March, 1985.

(b) and (c) According to information received from the Ministry of Textiles, as on 31-1-89, 140 textile mills affecting 1.68 lakh workers were closed/locked out including the mills in Gujarat.

Loss to NCCF due to violation of instruction and procedures regarding sale and purchase

2630. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Statutory Auditors in their Audit Report of 1987-88 of NCCF have pointed out specific irregularities of violation of Head Office instructions and procedures with regard to sales and purchase resulting in substantial losses to NCCF, if so, what are the details of irregularities in each case indicating financial loss to NCCF; and

(b) whether NCCF has enquired into these irregularities and fixed responsibilities of the guilty officers; if so, the outcome thereof and action taken thereon and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir. The statutory auditors have pointed out certain cases of specific irregularities in the purchases and sales in the Audit report for the year 1987-88 the details of which are as under:—

Details	Likely financial loss (Rs. in lakhs)
(*i*) Business in Coal and appointment of coal Handling Agent by Chandigarh Branch	13.00
(*ii*) Procurement and buffer stocking of gram for supply to APO by Jaipur Branch .	1.65
(*iii*) Import of black Matpe from Thailand by Head Office .	5.20

In addition, the Audit report to the irregularities in the procurement of tur dal by Indore Branch, supply of Moong dal and moong whole by Delhi Br. and supply of moong and gram by Srinagar Branch. The amount of loss would be known only on the disposal of stocks and completion of supplies.

(b) The irregularities are under investigation by the NCCF with a view to fixing responsibility for the losses.

Conference of Chief Ministers of States

2631. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference of Chief Ministers of the States was held to give a final shape to the two years long exercise of structuring a new democratic district administrative set up;

(b) if so, when was the conference held; and

(c) the number of Chief Ministers who attended the conference and what were the decisions taken and subjects discussed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) A meeting of the Coordination Committee of Minister for Agriculture sector was concerned on 7th August, 1987 at New Delhi. In the above meeting, Chief Ministers of states were also invited. One of the agenda item was pertaining to revitalisation of Panchayati Raj institutions.

(c) Chief Ministers of Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Tripura & Uttar Pradesh attended the meeting. Chief Ministers were consulted on the various recommendations of Dr. L. M. Singhavi report on revitalisation of Panchayati Raj institutions for democracy and development. The subjects discussed included bringing out constitutional amendment to provide sanctity to Panchayati Raj structure, setting up a Finance Commission for allocation of resources and for giving powers of taxation and changes in the structural pattern of Panchayati Raj. There was a unanimity among the participants that Panchayati Raj Institutions should be strengthened and made more viable.

Creation of fresh capacity for manufacture of beer

2632. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether permission has been given for creation of fresh capacity for manufacture of beer;

(b) if so, the details thereof including capacity allowed, location, etc.; and

(c) whether any export obligation has been imposed out of the fresh capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) While a policy decision has been taken to allow the setting up of fresh capacity for manufacture of beer no letter of intent has so far been given in this regard.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Measures for upliftment of Adivasi women in Orissa

2633. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the measures initiated for the upliftment of the Adivasis women and the people belonging to backward classes in Orissa;

(b) the guidelines issued in this regard;

(c) the amount sanctioned during the 3 years separately and in what schemes;

(d) the extent to which each category has been benefited by these schemes in pursuance of these guidelines; and

(e) the manner in which Government propose to ensure implementation of these guidelines?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) Scheduled Tribe (S.T.) women are covered under various anti-poverty programmes. Under the Economic Rehabilitation of Rural Poor (ERRP), a State scheme, preference is given to women and among them to SC/ST women. The Integrated Tribal Development Agencies (ITDAs) are implementing programmes of training for ST women to enable them to improve their incomes. Up to 1987-88, 54 Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Projects had been sanctioned in Orissa for tribal blocks. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for establishment of hostels for ST girls is being implemented. The scheme of Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) is being implemented. Cooperatives have been formed for women working force in selected areas. ST women also benefit under several other State and Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

There are no notified Other Backward Classes in Orissa.

(b) Guidelines on the Tribal Sub Plan have been issued to States/UTs from time